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PRESS RELEASE – Snowmobile Incident Beaver Dam Lake

On 01-28-2016 at 9:36 p.m. the Dodge County Sheriff's Office and Beaver Dam EMS responded to a possible snowmobile and operator that had driven into open water on Beaver Dam Lake, Dodge County, Wisconsin.

Preliminary investigation shows that three individuals were traveling east across Beaver Dam lake on snowmobiles when they came upon open water on the east shore near Sunset Blvd. in the Town of Beaver Dam. Two of the three snowmobiles were able to navigate across the open water and make it to shore. The third snowmobile became submerged approximately 8-10 feet from shore in 4-5 feet of water. The operator of the snowmobile was able to wade to shore. When deputies arrived, his wet clothing was removed and he was placed in the backseat of a patrol vehicle to warm up. Beaver Dam Paramedics arrived on scene and took additional measures to reverse any hypothermia that could have occurred. The operators were:

Shaun T. Bradley- 33 years old.

Brett P. Rechek- 50 years old.

Jesse A. Riesen -36 years old.

All three are residents of Dodge County. Bradley and Rechek were arrested and received citations for Operating a Snowmobile While Intoxicated. The incident remains under investigation by the Dodge County Sheriff's Office recreation patrol officers.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office reminds those who choose to use the snowmobile trails and waterways to be aware of the conditions and ride in a safe and responsible manner. Extra precaution should be taken at night.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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